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*Federal Communication Commission*  
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*This is my notification to the FCC of my disagreement with the proposed elimination of the Morse code test for obtaining an Amateur Radio License.*

*My husband has been a licensed Amateur Radio operator since he was 14 years old. It eventually became his profession. As a Radioman in the United States Navy and as a Radio Electronics Officer on ships all over the world as a Merchant Marine Officer.*

*He also was a Radio/Electronics Officer, on the Hughes Glomar Explorer, the C.I.A.*

*Spook ship that picked up the Russian Submarine in the early 1970's.*

*When we got together in the 1970's he was sailing all over and gone eight months of the year. I took a HAM Radio class and learned the code and got my Amateur Radio License. We communicated by CW, exclusively, from the Gulf of Alaska to Panama.*

*This was a very important thing in my life to be able to talk to my husband while he was at sea any where in the world.*

*Being an Amateur Radio Operator is a Privilege, and learning the code is an accomplishment to be proud of.*

*CW is a unique form of communication with a long and fascinating history. CW works when voice transmissions don't. Very little power needed and a simple transmitter/receiver to get folks into Ham radio.*

*The code requirement should have stayed at 5 words per minute for Technician License and 13 words per minute for General License and 20 words per minute for Extra Class license.*

*Knowing that time and technology march on, I realize that there are "easy" ways to communicate with out CW. However since I wear hearing aides in both ears, I can tell you that it is "easier" to tell a Dit or Dah, than a voice transmission.*

*Have you considered that many people like me prefer to use CW?*

*Please keep the code requirement. CW is an art that is very valuable; please don't let it become a "lost Art"*

*Thank You,  
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(KA7JCT) Extra Class License*